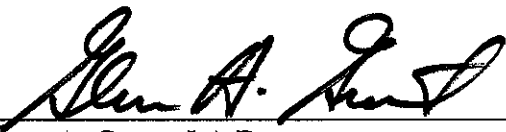


NOTICE TO THE BAR

REPLACEMENT OF "MULTICOUNTY LITIGATION" TERMINOLOGY FOR "MASS TORT" TERMINOLOGY

The Supreme Court, as part of its July 19, 2012 Omnibus Rule Amendment Order, has amended Rule 4:38A so as to replace the previous "mass tort" terminology with "Multicounty Litigation" (or "MCL") terminology, effective September 4, 2012. The Court also approved conforming amendments to the procedures for the centralized management of cases covered by this rule; Directive #08-12 ("Multicounty Litigation Guidelines"), dated August 7, 2012, thus will supersede Directive #07-09 ("Revised Mass Tort Guidelines) as of September 4, 2012. Similarly, the Mass Tort Information Center on the Judiciary's internet website (njcourts.com) will become the Multicounty Litigation Information Center.



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